


BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2001-263-C - ORDER NO. 2002-10
JANUARY 10, 2002

IN RE:	Application of TDS Telecom Operating)	ORDER GRANTING
	Companies: McClellanville, Norway, St.)	REQUESTED
	Stephen, and Williston Telephone Companies)	EXTENSIONS OF
	for Approval of Consolidated Regulatory)	PREFILING DEADLINES
	Treatment of the Operating Companies.)	



This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of the Commission Staff for an extension of time in which to prefile its testimony and exhibits regarding the approval of consolidated regulatory treatment of certain TDS Telecom Operating Companies (TDS). The Commission Staff and/or intervenors were originally scheduled to file its prefiled testimony and exhibits on or before January 2, 2002 as set forth in Commission Order No. 2001-971 issued October 1, 2001. The Staff was unable to prefile its testimony and exhibits by January 2, 2002 due to the Commission's office being forced to close early on this date from inclement weather conditions. Subsequently the Governor declared a state of emergency due to the inclement weather, which closed the Commission's office for the remainder of the business week, January 3 and January 4, 2002. For this reason, the Commission Staff requested that an extension for prefiling testimony and exhibits be extended to Monday, January 7, 2002, the following business day that the Commission's office reopened.

Additionally, TDS advised the Commission that they did not object to the extension being granted to the Commission Staff, but would request a similar extension

be granted for filing rebuttal testimony, if any. TDS respectfully requested an extension for filing of any rebuttal testimony and exhibits until Monday, January 14, 2002 or one week from the date of the filing of Commission Staff's testimony, whichever is later.

Upon consideration of the Commission Staff's request and the request of TDS, we approve both extensions as requested. Accordingly, the Commission Staff shall prefile and serve their direct testimony and exhibits on or before **January 7, 2002**. (This material may be filed and served by mail on the indicated date.) TDS's rebuttal testimony and exhibits, if any, shall be filed and served on or before **January 14, 2002**. Surrebuttal testimony and exhibits, if any, of the Commission Staff shall be filed and served on or before **January 15, 2002**. (The parties must have any rebuttal and surrebuttal materials in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the parties on the indicated rebuttal and surrebuttal dates.) Admission of surrebuttal testimony and exhibits is within the discretion of the Commission. Witnesses must be present at the call of the chairman, or, if a witness is not present, the Commission reserves the right to exclude that witness' testimony from the record and exhibits from the evidence.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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